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Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A fastener, comprising:

a shank having a threaded portion;

a head portion having a top surface, a planar bottom surface, and a diameter; and

a stepped portion between the head portion and the threaded portion, the stepped

portion having a diameter that is larger than the diameter of a round hole in a first type of

mounting rail and smaller than a length of a side of a square hole in a second type of

mounting rail, wherein when the fastener is inserted into one of the round holes of the

first type of mounting rail a bottom surface of the stepped portion is urged against a front

surface of the first type of mounting rail, and when the fastener is inserted into one of the

square holes of the second type of mounting rail the stepped portion enters closely into

the square hole and the planar bottom surface of the head portion is urged against a front

surface of the second type of mounting rail.

2. (original) The fastener of claim 1, wherein the stepped portion is circular in shape.

3. (original) The fastener of claim 1, wherein the first type of mounting rail is a standard

Electronics Industry Association Standard mounting rail.

4. (original) The fastener of claim 1, wherein the second type of mounting rail is a Universal

Mounting Rail.

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- 1 5. (original) The fastener of claim 1, wherein dimensions and tolerances for each type of  
2 mounting rail are defined by National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA)  
3 standards.
- 1 6. (original) The fastener of claim 1, wherein the stepped portion includes a tapered  
2 shoulder for guiding the stepped portion into the square hole.
- 1 7. (original) The fastener of claim 1, wherein a size and shape of the stepped portion causes  
2 the stepped portion to be centered within the square hole when the fastener is inserted  
3 into one of the square holes of the second type of mounting rail.
- 1 8. (original) The fastener of claim 1, wherein head portion includes a slotted drive in  
2 combination with crossed slots of a Phillips drive.
- 1 9. (Currently amended) A fastener, comprising:  
2 a shank having a threaded portion;  
3 a head portion having a diameter; and  
4 a circular stepped portion between the head portion and the threaded portion, the  
5 stepped portion having a planar bottom surface perpendicular to the shank and a smaller  
6 diameter than the diameter of the head portion, the smaller diameter ranging between  
7 approximately 0.355 inches to approximately 0.365 inches.
- 1 10. (original) The fastener of claim 9, wherein the stepped portion has a thickness ranging  
2 between approximately 0.050 inches to approximately 0.060 inches.

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- 1 11. (new) The fastener of claim 9, wherein the circular stepped portion includes a tapered  
2 shoulder for guiding the stepped portion into a square hole.
- 1 12. (new) The fastener of claim 9, wherein the size of the diameter of the circular stepped  
2 portion causes the circular stepped portion to be centered within a square hole when the  
3 fastener is inserted into a square hole of a mounting rail.
- 1 13. (new) The fastener of claim 9, wherein head portion includes a slotted drive in  
2 combination with crossed slots of a Phillips drive.
- 1 14. (new) The fastener of claim 9, wherein, when the fastener is inserted into a hole of a  
2 mounting rail, the diameter of the stepped portion causes the planar bottom surface of the  
3 circular stepped portion to be urged against a surface of the mounting rail if the hole is a  
4 round hole and to enter into the hole if the hole is a square-hole.
- 1 15. (new) The fastener of claim 14, wherein the hole is a round hole and the mounting rail is  
2 a standard Electronics Industry Association Standard mounting rail.
- 1 16. (new) The fastener of claim 14, wherein the hole is a square hole and the mounting rail is  
2 a Universal Mounting Rail.